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"The Pacific Steam Marine."
The spirit of enterprise which has been so greatly extended and developed since the acquisition of California, and the discovery of the gold mines, has exhibited itself in nothing more strikingly than in the increase of our Steam Marine on both oceans—but more especially in the Pacific.

We cannot better give our own sentiments on a subject so important to the increase of the American power, and the opening of new avenues to commercial prosperity, than to copy an article under the above title, from a late number of the *Gazette of the Union and Golden Rule*, a weekly journal published in New York, the great circulation of which gives it an influence second to no other in the country. The article is from the pen of its editor, S. T. CLARKE, Esq., for many years commercial editor of the *New York Express*, who is now on a visit to California, to take a look and judge for himself of the resources and advantages of the golden land.

The article will be read with interest, and pays a deserved tribute to the enterprise of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, as well as to the "Columbia," which has just arrived in our harbor:

"The full extent of the obligations we are under to the Steam Marine in the development of the resources of California, and in adding that new and most valuable member to our now large family of States, will not be adequately comprehended, until the current news from California, which is now read casually, and thrown aside, shall become historical. After the lapse of a few years, he who attempts to give a history of the colonization of California, and to recount the adventures which have poured so much gold into the laps of our energetic countrymen, must close his tale by saying that to the operations of a few months with our steam marine we were indebted for a progress which years with sailing ships could not have secured. Nay, more: that without the aid of steam, rival nations would have borne off a large share of trade that through the operations of steam has been made all our own. The importance of our steam marine most fully suggests itself, while engaged on an excursion on board the new Oregon Mail ship Columbia, owned by Messrs. Howland and Aspinwall, and to be commanded by Lieut. Totten, U. S. N. On the 3d inst., after taking on board a select party of gentlemen connected with the steamboat interests, and a delegation from the press, she proceeded down the bay as far as the south-west spit, returning at four p. m., when, after landing most of her company, she again went to sea, for the purpose of testing her powers as an ocean steamer. The Columbia is 195 feet long, 27 feet beam, 19 1/2 feet hold, and measures 700 tons. Custom House, or 1200 tons carpenter's measurement. She has two very competent and serviceable engines from the Novelty Works. The cylinders are 57 inches in diameter, and five feet stroke. The diameter of her wheel is 22 feet and 8 inches. These are her dimensions, and if we add that her model is that of a most comfortable, and at the same time fast boat, we shall enumerate all that the eye can see in outward appearance worthy of note.

"Internally, no money has been spent in mere show, while nothing has been spared to produce a ship with everything conducive to comfort, and enough of elegance for the business in which she is to be engaged. Her trial trip gave every assurance that she will prove equal, if not superior, in speed to any ship in the Pacific, for in the teeth of a strong head wind, she made eleven knots an hour, good honest distance, equal to fifteen miles in common measurement upon trial trips. The largest number of revolutions she made, was twenty per minute, equal to about fifteen miles an hour. Her engines worked with great precision and smoothness, freeing the ship from that tremulous motion so often noticed, and so disagreeable. The enterprising merchants who are her owners, have a large fleet of steamers, but none superior to this in all that makes a boat popular and profitable—speed and security. A sad accident occurred as she left her dock, a seaman was knocked overboard and drowned. A purse of one hundred dollars was at once raised for the benefit of his family, to which Mr. W. H. Aspinwall, with his accustomed liberality, added an equal sum.

"This ship, which has now left our shores to ply between California and that northern empire, Oregon, is not one of the effects of the California gold mining speculations, but part of the details of a commercial operation, designed by her owners as soon as California was acquired, comprising nothing less than a plan to secure to the United States a steam mail service between Oregon and New York, a task which presented obstacles, hardly second to those surmounted by Lieutenant Waghorn, in establishing the world-famed overland route from London to India. The discovery of that route was an era in English commercial and political history, only surpassed by the immense power now placed in the hands of the United States government by the action of this mercantile steam marine, under the present owners, who were the first to demonstrate that a mercantile house could put afloat a successful fleet of steamers to wipe out the stigma caused by the Mississippi, Missouri, and Princeton, whose large promises were regularly followed by such meagre performances. The Oregon, California, Panama, and Columbia, attest their success by a regularity of movement, equaled only by the Cunard ships. Before the millrace of Capt. Sutter disclosed the golden sands of California, this house had perfected its plans to develop the resources of our new Pacific acquisitions, and it is quite certain that had they lacked the courage to embark their capital in an enterprise in which to those lacking their experience, success seemed hazardous, they would not have been at this day the head of New York commerce, the Barings of the new world.

"But it is not alone in the steam navigation of the Pacific that this house has achieved reputation, as the commercial press of this city has often demonstrated. When our English neighbors adopted their very questionable policy in relation to the opium trade of China, placing in jeopardy the property of Americans as well as of their own citizens, it was their Canton traders who often ri-

valued the overland mail in advising us of the progress of events, reducing the old time of one hundred and ten days to Canton, by nearly a month, and establishing the new time by their ships as the rule, and not the exception. The coast of South America, from Rio Janeiro to Panama, has been visited by their ships, not to carry cargoes, such as we send to Liverpool, (an operation as near mechanical as it is possible to make a commercial transaction,) but with a freight list nicely adjusted to supply the wants of those remote countries, and to be exchanged for their superfluities, yielding a return as ample as the judgment was mature that prompted the adventure. But we had no idea of alluding to anything but the steam marine of the Pacific, and leave the prolific topic of the commercial operations of this house open to us. He who would do even partial justice to that, needs more space than we can command, and we close by giving in advance, the conclusion to be arrived at by the reader of the present current history of California, at a distance of ten years, which sailing ships could not have imparted in as many years, at the same time adding an amount of wealth to the country equal to the profits upon all the imports per annum through our Atlantic ports.

Testimonial to Col. Collier.

The presentation of the Gold Salver to Col. JAMES COLLIER, the late Collector of this port, by the merchants of San Francisco, came off last evening at the Merchants' Exchange, before a large Assembly. The salver was presented by Col. MOREHEAD, in a very neat and appropriate speech. He referred to the gentlemanly deportment, strict integrity, and upright bearing of character, that uniformly marked the actions of the late Collector, and spoke in glowing terms of the estimation in which he was held by his fellow citizens. As a slight token of their regard and esteem, and as an appreciation of the manner in which he discharged his duties, they could not refrain from presenting him with some slight memento.

The remarks of Col. MOREHEAD were eagerly listened to, and elicited loud and long applause. When Col. COLLIER arose to reply, he was so deeply affected as to be hardly able to speak. He referred to a recent occasion, when the officers who had served with him, and who had reason to know his acts, and the motives which prompted them, had shown a manifestation of their approval of his conduct, by a rich and magnificent present, and now that the merchants of the city, with whom he had continual intercourse since his arrival, and who constituted a jury of his official transactions, should add a testimonial of their approbation—that it was a great and glorious satisfaction, and should be always remembered and cherished to the day of his death.

Col. COLLIER alluded to the many serious and trying difficulties and embarrassments he was forced to encounter when he took charge of the office, and returned his heartfelt thanks to those who had so kindly assisted him. He read several letters of his official correspondence with the department at Washington, and vindicated his conduct in a very satisfactory manner. He also displayed a splendid watch and chain, presented to him by the clerks in the custom house, as another evidence of his correct official conduct.

His remarks were listened to with great and marked attention, and received with flattering applause.

No Election of Senator.

It is a source of serious regret to the people of the State, that the Joint Convention has as yet been unable to elect a United States Senator. This regret is not so much on account of the present necessity for a choice, but because of the fact that the other business of the Legislature is retarded, and the interests of the State thus entirely neglected, with little prospect of their being resumed again right away, if the friends of the several candidates still adhere to their first choice, without manifesting a disposition to meet the others in a spirit of compromise. Important measures are yet to be brought before the Legislature, and the people would much prefer that the Convention should be dissolved, and the question of Senator be deferred, at least until other and more important matters be disposed of, or until the meeting of the next Legislature, and thus let the candidates go before the people upon their own merits. Such a course would be far preferable to permitting the time of the Legislature to be frittered away in useless attempts to elect a Senator now.

Lynch Law at Sacramento.

The people of Sacramento have at last taken the law into their own hands, and visited summary punishment for one of those outrages which so frequently disgrace not only that city but our own. This terrible example should serve as a warning to evil-doers in our midst. They are becoming tired with the frequent broils and shootings in a moment, or deliberate murders by the gangs of rowdies that endanger the peace of society, and will not much longer submit to be quietly outraged. There is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and from the demonstrations recently made here, it may be fairly inferred that that point has been reached, and that they will take the law into their own hands upon the next occasion that offers. Villains should be warned in time.

ALMOST ANOTHER DUEL.—We understand that two gentlemen at Stockton, having had some previous difficulty, went out on Monday last, to settle the matter with pistols, but after arriving upon the ground, mutual explanations were made, and affair satisfactorily settled.

OUR STEAMER PAPER.—The next number of the *Steamer Pacific News*, will be issued on Sunday morning, and will contain, in addition to a great amount of valuable matter, a well executed likeness of "Old Block," author of the celebrated "Pen-knife Sketches," together with an Auto-biography of his life.

Our San Jose Correspondence.

Another day of hallooing, which closed King 18, Heydenfeldt 16, Fremont 13, and scattering 1—upon the 131st ballot. Mr. Broderick, early in the contest, withdrew Col. Geary, remarking that one hundred and ten votes for him had shown clearly his devotion to him. Later in the day the Senator from Monterey nominated one John Smith Hosford, and after trying him round once or twice, withdrew him, completely used up. A little later, one John Smith was nominated, but obtained the solitary vote of Mr. Van Buren, who did not adhere long enough to be counted, being told that his candidate had been long dead. While these new contestants were trying their strength, the audience were amused by the free circulation of "pen and ink sketches," illustrating the position of affairs, and keeping up the spirits of the spectators, which rather flag.

At one time it was thought the convention had come to a dead halt, but the mistake was soon corrected by the Senator from San Joaquin, who rose and stated that in his opinion the convention could not be brought to act efficiently unless some strong outward influence could be brought to bear, and therefore offered a resolution that the Rev. Mr. "Angell" be requested to deliver a discourse from the first four verses of the 12th chap. of Chronicles: 1. "Adam," "Sheth," "Enoch," 2. "Kann," "Abahaleel," "Jered," 3. "Henoah," "Methusalem," "Lamech," 4. "Noah," "Shem," "Ham," and "Japheth." These expressive verses were read by Mr. Secretary How, of the Senate, in his usually bland manner, eliciting thunders of applause.

After the clamor had subsided, the Convention refused to adopt the resolution, preferring the "free grocery" theory, to the old "Sandy Hill doctrine," so touchingly alluded to by one Butler, of Gotham, celebrity.

"El Rey," the "Wooley Horse," and "Chivalry," these took the field again, and cantered round the course in their usual positions for a few times, when the Senator from Monterey asked leave of absence after the race was run, for twenty days; but as the time was very indefinite, he accepted an amendment granting him a leave of absence of twenty days from the commencement of the millennium, that event being more definitely fixed than the end of the scrub race now on hand.

After awhile, instead of a greased pig, such as is usually introduced in this sort of races, a resolution to adjourn *sine die* was brought out, and more fun elicited at the attempts to give and to grasp the true meaning of this phrase, than was ever elicited at any sack race at a fair. One party contended that the resolution would kill the Convention dead, DEAD, DEAD, and another that it would only put it into a sort of uneasy slumber, and be continually waking, and troubling legislators, while busy about water lots, divorces, dog laws or valjejo bonds. Finally, after much contesting, a recess was taken until tomorrow at eleven.

The new Senator for Los Angeles has arrived, adding a new vote to Fremont's list. The whole proceedings are getting stale, and the Convention will soon sissel out, or elect Mr. King.

"In Durance Vile."

At the roll call, yesterday morning, of the prisoners confined in the second district station house, City Hall, sixty persons answered to their names. For the accommodation of this number, there is a room of some twelve or fifteen feet in width, and about forty in length, together with five small cells, in which, at dark, the prisoners are locked up to sleep on the bare floor, or such slight bedding as they may be able to furnish themselves. A pail of water is allowed them, out of which they all drink in common, and are rationed out half a loaf of bread twice a day. During the day they are permitted to come out of their cells, and pace the big room, or gaze out of the iron grated windows upon the glorious liberty that others enjoy in the streets.

In this hole "all sorts of people" are huddled together,—"black and white, blue spirits and gray, mingle, mingle, mingle." A number of the prisoners have been shut up here from five to eight months, awaiting their trial, and which, in all conscience, we should think was sufficient punishment for their misdeeds.

THE BOAT RACE.—The steamers Confidence and Senator started about at the same minute from Long Wharf, on Tuesday evening, for Sacramento, and we learn from the papers of that city, that the Confidence beat the Senator up, arriving at the Levee at 3 o'clock!

On their return last night, the Senator arrived a few minutes ahead of the Confidence, but we learn that she started ahead of her from Sacramento. The Confidence is a hard one to beat, and will trouble the steam of the other crafts some.

QUITE A MISTAKE.—One of the advocates for the people before Judge Lynch's Court on Sunday last, in his zeal to convict the prisoner Stewart that he might be hung, remarked that the evidence against him was so positive, that all could point the finger to him and say, "as Joshua said unto David: 'thou art the man.'" The speaker must have read the good book wrong, or not at all, "since his youth up."

THIRTY-FOUR FEET OF DEMOCRACY.—The town of Jewitt, in Green County, New York, presents a Mr. FISK BEACH and five sons, whose united height taken with his own, is thirty-four feet and six inches, and whose average weight is one hundred and eighty-five pounds, and every pound democratic.

HORSE STEALING.—Officer PURCELL, of the second district police, arrested *Gustavia Acuna*, charged with horse stealing.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

IN CONVENTION.—The Convention assembled today at 11 o'clock, and immediately proceeded to the 111th vote, for the election of a United States Senator. Mr. Kellogg was the only member of the Convention absent, he having left the city for San Francisco.

The 111th vote was not materially different from the last one given yesterday. Mr. Crosby voted for Mr. Nathaniel Bennett and continued to vote for him till the adjournment. Mr. Robinson of the Senate was in his place and voted for Mr. Heydenfeldt. In the 112th vote he changed to Mr. De La Guerra, and after the 117th vote obtained leave of absence for the day in consequence of illness. Mr. Richardson changed from Mr. Fremont to Mr. Heydenfeldt. Mr. Woodworth voted for Mr. Talbot H. Green.

This vote stood as follows:—For Mr. Fremont, 12; for Mr. King, 16; for Mr. Heydenfeldt, 15; for Mr. Geary, 1.

Before the next vote was taken, Mr. Broderick withdrew the name of Mr. Geary, having voted for him 111 times. Mr. Woodworth rose immediately afterwards and said that he would now withdraw the name of another very popular candidate, Mr. Talbot H. Green. (Green laughed.)

In the 112th vote, Mr. Broderick voted for Mr. Heydenfeldt.

In the 114th vote, Mr. McCorkle changed from Mr. Heydenfeldt to Mr. Fremont, with whom he remained during the day.

In the 115th vote, Mr. Field changed from Mr. Heydenfeldt to Mr. Fremont, but was back again in the next vote.

In the 121st, Messrs. Robinson and Stearns changed from Mr. Fremont to Mr. King.

In the 122th, Mr. Field changed again from Mr. Heydenfeldt to Mr. Fremont, but went back again on the 131st vote.

In the 123rd vote, Mr. Hall moved a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The yeas and nays being demanded by Mr. Cook, of the Assembly, 35 voted for and 13 against it. The Convention then took a recess until 3 o'clock.

When they re-assembled, they proceeded to the 124th vote, in which there was no change worthy of notice, and continued to vote seven additional times, making 131 votes in all, without any material change.

After the 131st vote, Mr. Field moved that the Convention adjourn *sine die*, the Convention adjourned until the first day of May or June.

The President said that if the Convention adjourned *sine die*, it would be impossible for the Senate and Assembly to convene again for this purpose.

Mr. Woodworth was of the same opinion, and said that they had the precedent of last session to support that view. A convention had been adjourned four times, *sine die*, in one month, but had met again.

The question being on Mr. Field's motion to adjourn *sine die*, the yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Moore. 18 votes for and 30 against it. Not agreed to.

The question being then on Mr. Green's motion to adjourn until the first day of June next.

The yeas and nays being demanded by Mr. Van Buren, 12 voted for and 36 against it. Not agreed to.

Mr. Lisle moved to take a recess till 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

Adopted—34 voting for and 14 against it. The Convention then took a recess till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Record of the City Courts.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
SUPERIOR COURT.—Hon. D. O. Shattuck, Associate Justice.
Lippincott vs. Hanson.—Ordered that the receiver in this case sell the schooner J. B. Lippincott and her cargo, exercising due discretion in said sale and retain the funds arising from the same subject to the order of the court for distribution among the parties litigant.
Saunders vs. Card.—Cause continued and costs to be paid by the plaintiff.
George Brooks and William Sadler vs. Chas. Minturn.—Cause argued and not yet concluded.
Burritt & Mussen for plaintiff; Smith, Wilson & Taylor, for defendant.
Before Hon. L. C. MURRAY.
Green vs. Lowe, et al.—Cause continued until to-morrow, by consent of counsel.
Lecur vs. Lowe, et al.—Cause continued until to-day.
Anna Maria Sparks vs. John J. Burk, et al.—Cause argued and not yet concluded. Waller & Wilson for plaintiff; Billings for defendant.
COURT OF SESSIONS.—Before Hon. R. N. Morrison.
People vs. John Smith.—For petit larceny. Ordered to be discharged from custody.
William Housman and Henry Cook.—For petit larceny, were discharged.
PROBATE COURT.—Judge Morrison, presiding.
In matter of the estate of James C. Holmes, deceased.—Ordered that the 6th day of March be appointed to hear the petition of George W. Coffin and Reuben V. Grant, praying for letters of administration on the above estate.
RECORDED COURT.—Hon. F. Tilford, presiding.
William Logan for being drunk and disorderly was fined one hundred dollars, or imprisoned ten days.
Portusio, for same offence was sent to the chain-gang for ten days.
Ramon Rodriguez, for stealing a pair of pantaloons, was sent to the Court of Sessions.
John Murray, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined forty dollars or imprisoned ten days.
DESSERTERS ARRESTED.—Four men and one woman were arrested yesterday afternoon, and placed in the second district station-house, charged with having deserted from a ship in the harbor.

BY LAST NIGHT'S BOAT.

Immense Excitement at Sacramento!
LYNCH LAW AT LAST!!
Freeman & Co. put us in possession of Sacramento papers of yesterday morning, before 10 o'clock last evening. Palmer & Co. and Gregory also brought us papers of the same morning.

The only news of importance is the following account of the hanging of a man for shooting another in the street. From a full report of the proceedings in the *Transcript*, we condense the following facts:

Yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, an awful scene took place in front of the Mansion House on the corner of Front and J streets, which has resulted in the death of two persons.

A fight occurred over a French monte table, between a man by the name of Fred J. Roe and a miner (name unknown). The two men were pined several times, and finally by Mr. Charles Humphrey Myers from Columbus, Ohio, a quiet and most respectable citizen; Roe shooting Myers for his interference. The ball entered Myers' head just in front of the left ear and passed into the lower part of the brain. Myers was taken up K street, accompanied by large crowd, to the blacksmith's shop of his former partner, Mr. Joseph Praeder. Here the wound was examined and pronounced to be mortal.

Councilman McKenzie mounted a wagon and addressed the excited crowd, and was followed by one or two others, the tone of their remarks being in favor of summary punishment.

A meeting was immediately organized in front of the police station, and the multitude addressed by Mr. Eward, Mr. Queen, Mr. Sweed, Mr. Seranton, and others, in favor of immediately hanging the prisoner.

Marshal Cunningham, Deputy Sheriff Harris, and other officers, as in duty bound, made an appeal to the crowd in favor of law and order, and protested against any interference of an excited multitude in the course of the law. They said they should resist all attempts to take the prisoner from their hands, at all hazards.

A jury, consisting of the persons whose names are given below attached to the verdict, was then selected by the meeting, who proceeded to the Orleans House, for the purpose of trying the prisoner. After an hour or two spent in listening to the testimony, the following verdict was rendered:

We, the Committee of Investigation appointed by our fellow-citizens, to investigate the circumstances of the unfortunate occurrence that took place this afternoon, do report that after a full and impartial examination of the evidence in the case, we find that, at about two o'clock, p. m., this day, Frederick J. Roe, and some other person whose name is unknown, were engaged in an altercation, which originated at a gambling table in the Mansion House, and that after said parties had proceeded into the street, and were there fighting, Charles H. Myers, who was passing in the street, interfered, with words, by requesting them to desist fighting or to show fair play. That immediately thereafter said F. J. Roe called out "What the devil have you got to say?" and then drew his pistol and without further provocation, shot said Charles H. Myers through the head.

John F. Seranton, John T. Bayley, W. F. Prettyman, Edward Cronin, J. B. Starr, D. O. Mills, H. G. Langley, P. B. Cornwall, A. M. Winn, Geo. T. Wright, Harrison Olmstead, L. Hermance.

The report of the committee was received with loud cheers on the part of the people. The crowd again assembled in front of the police station house, corner of J and Second streets, where the prisoner was confined.

The taking of the prisoner from the station is described as follows by the *Transcript*:

"It was now about nine o'clock—the night was dark—the mutterings of the people deep yet loud. Some of them rushed to an awning, pulled up the posts, and at once attacked the door of the station house, with these battering-rams. Soon the door yielded, being demolished by repeated blows. Deputy Sheriff Harris stood in the doorway, and with his posse in the rear, held the crowd at bay for some time—remonstrating and threatening. Finally, the crowd in the rear made a rush forward, which placed those in the front ranks in connexion with Mr. Harris, when he was pushed and jostled from his position, and the populace brought in possession of the prisoner. The prisoner, Frederick J. Roe, was in the inner cell, chained to a post. After a long delay, the chain was severed, and he was then seized and hurried up the stairs, into the street.

It was then announced that the prisoner would be hung on Sixth street, between K and L from one of the large oaks. The crowd proceeded immediately to that point, at about half-past nine o'clock. The prisoner was strongly guarded, and taken up J to the intersection of Fifth street, when he was taken down the same, and up K to Sixth and then to the place of execution."

THE EXECUTION.—The prisoner gave his name as Frederick J. Roe, and was twenty years of age. He was born in England, where his mother and sisters now reside. His features were regular, though the whole countenance exhibited a care-worn appearance, and his physical system seemed to have been entirely prostrated in view, of the awful fate awaiting him.

A temporary scaffolding had been erected under one of the trees, which was occupied by the prisoner, Mr. Rightmire, a clergyman who had been invited to attend, and several others.

After arriving at the place of execution, a rope was provided, and the prisoner furnished with a glass of water, it being understood that he would address the crowd.

The prisoner started through the Rev. Mr. Briggs, that he had done the deed in a moment of passion, and had nothing to say for himself.

A rope was thrown over a limb, a handkerchief placed over the prisoner's head, his hands and feet tied, and the rope adjusted. The crowd to witness the solemn scene did not number less than five thousand.

California Items

A RAILROAD TO THE PACIFIC.—The use of National Hall, at Washington, has been tendered to Mr. Whitney, by its proprietors, for Saturday evening, January 11th, for the purpose of explaining his great project for the construction of a Railroad to the Pacific Ocean to those who may desire to hear him. The *Republic* says:

"He will exhibit maps and explain the position as well as the condition of the population on the principal parts of the globe; from which he proposes to prove that the American continent is the geographical, commercial and political centre of all, and that all can be made tributary and subject to it."

CHARGE OF EXTENSIVE FRAUD.—A hearing took place on Monday afternoon, before Mayor Gilpin, at Philadelphia, in which an individual was charged by a member of a banking firm in San Francisco, with having sold them \$13,000 of counterfeit or fraudulent notes of the State Bank of Missouri. The sales were effected at three different times. The *North American* forbears mentioning names at present, although the individual charged was held to bail in the sum of \$17,000, two anti any requisition that may be made upon him by the authorities of California.

COUNTERFEIT FIFTIES.—A gentleman of this city, says the *St. Louis Intelligencer* of Dec. 24th, who arrived from California on Saturday, had in his possession, we learn, twelve thousand dollars in spurious fifties of the Bank of the State of Missouri. In other respects the gentleman had been among the fortunate, having realised, in all, by his trip to California, about \$150,000.

THE CALIFORNIA LAND CLAIMS.—The Washington correspondent of the *New York Evening Post*, thus notices Mr. Benton's California Land Claims Bill, which he introduced on the 2d:

"The discussion to-day on the California Land Claims was animated and full of interest. Mr. Benton brought to bear, in opposition to Gwin's bill of spoliation, as Mr. Benton described it, the results of his experience, reading and inquiry, and probably gave the project its quietus. He gave notice of amendments on an independent plan, the effect of which will be to confirm, as applicable to our late acquisitions from Mexico, the laws and regulations of Spain and her colonies in respect to land titles, and to bring them within the jurisdiction and forms of procedure of our United States District and Supreme Courts. This is the only safe rule for adjudicating conflicting titles, and is the one adopted in the cases of Louisiana and Florida."

JONES' HOTEL.—This very large and commodious house, situated corner of California and Sansome streets, was on Tuesday opened to a large and select crowd who sat down to a most sumptuous feast. The press, the bar, and the merchants were well represented and all appeared to enjoy themselves much. The wine was delicious, and the viands got up to please the most fastidious epicure.

The house contains forty-three rooms which are costly furnished and tastefully and neatly decorated. The proprietor Major DAVID JONES, is well known as a prince of hotel-keepers, and will no doubt meet with the success he deserves.

A HORSE AND RIDER THROWN.—Yesterday morning a person while riding at a furious rate on Pacific street, was thrown, the animal slipping down and falling upon him. Fortunately neither were injured, but it was a good lesson to careless and reckless riding.

DIED.

Deaths in Sacramento City, for the week ending February 27:
Feb. 17, N. Emmons, 29 years, Boston.
" 19, Wm. Turner, aged 44, Ireland.
" 21, D. C. Powers, aged 33, Eastport, Me.
" 21, S. W. Slemon, Boston.
" 22, Robert McMurran 36 years, Indiana.

Passengers Sailed.

Per steamer General Warren for Humboldt—A. C. Edwards, D. Abbott, S. Scott, H. B. Smith, C. C. French, W. J. Stevens, L. Cole, C. Smith, Benj. Adams, J. B. Wilsey, W. J. Marshall, W. Greely, T. M. Alcorn, D. A. Tucker, H. Smith, C. Thurston, J. Howe, B. F. Ryder, B. Bruce, J. S. Wilson, C. Brown, J. Rogers, J. C. Moore, Isaac Miller, E. F. Palmer, W. J. White, J. Healy, E. Blue, K. W. Kipper and lady, F. Miller, L. Frank, R. Johnson, H. Simmons, L. Woodbridge, A. Silva, J. Ayres, H. T. Butler, J. Madison, G. W. Miller, T. Hamilton, R. G. Harmon, W. Stoddard, A. Butler, McKittrick, D. Robt. Cozzett, Borthaine, T. Thompson, J. McKid, J. Sinclair, A. W. Cadwall, G. Peter, Jacob Keller, S. M. Tall, J. James, D. W. Stearns, C. C. Foster, G. Perrett, Penderast, W. Russell, Monard, Three Griddles, Bonales, J. McGee, W. Wayland, S. Lohman, J. Murtry, J. Madison, G. W. Miller, T. Lombacher, J. F. Rathbone, J. Hammett, A. G. Wood, J. Lumbachin, McLaughlin, W. Williams, Wheelock, T. Tyler, W. R. Hood, J. McCraw, J. Lord and lady, P. Gariner, Lardman, Kinney and G. R. Morris. Total 150.

Passengers Arrived.

Per Josephine—Messrs E. Clark, Lord and Robinson.
Per Josephine—Queureau & Johnson.

MARINE NEWS.

Cleared.

February 26.
Steamer General Warren, Smith, Humboldt.
Ship Bombay, Merrill, Manila.
Bark Hito, Learned, Valparaiso.
Bark Vescomar, Tabor, Sandwich Islands.
Bark Chamellon, Churchill, Sandwich Islands.
Bark Reinwerder, (Hann) Rehnerke, Valparaiso.
Bark Vesta, (Hann) Reinwerder, Valparaiso.
Schr. Favorite, Brown, Santa Cruz.

Arrived.

Schr. Josephine, Dissoy, 16 ds from Oryhee. Produce to Queureau & Johnson.

Memoranda.

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Ship Isala Crowell—Consignees are hereby notified that the above ship is now lying at Cunningham's wharf and as her lay days have expired, all goods remaining on board of her must be taken away immediately, or will be landed and stored at the expense of the consignees. Those who have not paid their freight will please call at our office and settle for the same, and receive orders for their goods.

J. F. STUART & CO.,
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Notice.—The Delegates of the Fire Department are requested to attend a meeting at the Pioneer Club House at the corner of Montgomery and Wharf sts., on THURSDAY evening, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock. By order, F. D. KOHLER, Chief Engineer.

Barb Co-Whitman.—Consignees per this vessel are notified that she is now ready to discharge, and are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, pay freight and take orders for their goods, as the vessel must have dispatch.

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Ship Wellington.—Consignees by this vessel are hereby notified that she will commence discharging on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and they will therefore please call at once on the undersigned, pay their freight, and receive an order for their goods, as the Bills of Lading will be strictly complied with.

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Card. Look at this!
Being in a feeble state of health, the subscriber is compelled to take a voyage to the Sandwich Islands, and will therefore sell out his stock in trade and good will, at low cost per inventory, or receive a partner who can advance either the same sum has been invested, or even less, if said partner is in other respects desirable. His last firm has just dissolved equally and amicably with TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS realized in a few months. This and much more can be done over again and he would venture to say \$20,000 during the business year, and as his return would be immediate, his experience in purchasing, selling, &c., would be given wholly to the business with renewed vigor. He has two stores in full and successful operation. Apply in person at his store in Pacific street, below Kearny. (Jan 10) ROBERT JACKSON.

Notice.—The Office of the COUNTY TREASURER is removed to the second floor of the CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, corner of Clay and Kearny sts., on the Plaza. C. B. BUCKINGHAM, County Treasurer.

Ship Mary Mitchell.—Consignees by this ship are hereby notified that she is ready to discharge cargo, and are requested to call at MOORE & FULGER'S, Montgomery street, pay freight, and receive orders for their goods. (Jan 10) G. B. ELKINS.

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Notice.—The undersigned has appointed Messrs. BORNEMAN & SCHLEITNER, his Agents during his absence, to receive his rents. San Francisco, Dec. 14th, 1850. WM. W. HANSEN.

State Warrants in Small Sums.—For Sale, Warrants on the State Treasury for \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$1000, redeemable for State Bonds, Auctioneers, &c. Inquire at the office of this paper, Montgomery street near door to Crown St. Marley's. (Jan 10)

ITALIAN OPERA.
ADELPHI THEATRE, CLAY STREET.
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Bellini's celebrated Opera of
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THIS WOULD ALWAY, by 1851.
SARTAIN'S MAGAZINE, for February.
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A large supply received.

Newspapers from all parts of the world.
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H. M. NEWHALL, Auctioneer.
By HALL & MARTIN.
WILL SELL at their new sales room, in Jackson at below Montgomery street, formerly occupied by C. C. Richmond & Co.,
TO-DAY,
Feb. 27 at 10 o'clock, a large and desirable assortment of Goods, consisting of
40 cases boots
50 do. brogans
50 do. rubber shoes
100 rubber blankets
500 do. bags
5 cases clothing
50 doz. yarn socks
50 do. cotton do.
10 do. muslin shirts
10 do. net jackets
20 do. China sugar
1 case bandles
100 pr. pongee hfs
100 pr. cigars
100 boxes super mold candles
100 do. glass
100 cans mustard
100 cans tomatoes
100 do. pickles
100 do. port wine
4000 the smoked hams, shoulders
500 pure qd of pepper, in half and qd papers
25 kegs lard.

ALSO—
An invoice of silver plated ware
An invoice of Drugs, consisting of Townsend's Sarsaparilla, acornroot, scotch powder &c. Together with a general assortment of merchandise. Sale positive.

HENRY B. LAFITTE, Auctioneer.
By HENRY B. LAFITTE & CO.
(No. 279 Montgomery street.)
THIS, THURSDAY, morning, 27th inst., at 10 o'clock, 100 lbs No. 1 and 2 China sugar in mats, 20 lb and 10 lb ctns
40 bags C. A. coffee, 100 boxes sperm candles
50 boxes soap, 10 cases prime butter
500 lbs. lard, 500 lbs. lard, 500 lbs. lard
400 pr. dark flour, 500 boxes chocolate
500 doz. sardines, 100 boxes raisins
500 kegs port wine, 50 lbs. tinopos
500 cases mackerel, 500 cases crushed sugar
100 cases nutmegs, 20 lbs. nutmegs
500 doz. apple and port, wool cakes, preserves, Havana cigars tobacco, rope, ground coffee and pepper, garden seeds, &c.

JOHN CALDWELL, Auctioneer.
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(LATE CALDWELL & EMERSON.)
Feb. 27th, at 10 o'clock,
20 cases assorted boots and shoes, 3 cases women's do.
100 boxes sardines, 100 cases mackerel, 50 cases French pickles
75 cases French pickles, 31 cases French pickles
30 bags black beans, 31 bags black beans
1000 lbs. Manila sugar, in 50 lb bags
20,000 do. No. 1 China sugar, in 50 lb bags
10,000 do. Stewart's crushed sugar, 25 cases mackerel
100 cases port wine, 50 cases prime butter
100 cases cream butter, 30 cases sugar cured hams
100 gross superior tin matches, 10 cases sardines
21 cases assorted hats, of superior quality, sold by order of the Port Warden.

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